

DECISION



**THE COMPTROLLER GENERAL
OF THE UNITED STATES**
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20548

FILE: B-211396.2

DATE: May 16, 1983

MATTER OF: Dictaphone Corporation

DIGEST:

Protest against specifications in a request for proposals is untimely when filed after the closing date for receipt of proposals.

Dictaphone Corporation protests the specifications used by the Department of Commerce in request for proposals (RFP) No. PT-83-SAS-00312.

We dismiss the protest.

Our Bid Protest Procedures require that a protest based upon alleged improprieties in an RFP be filed before the closing date for receipt of proposals. 4 C.F.R. § 21.2(b)(1) (1983). For protests filed with us, the term "filed" means receipt in our Office. Shell Computer Systems, Inc., B-203986, July 23, 1981, 81-2 CPD 58. The closing date for receipt of proposals was April 11, 1983, but the protest was not received in our Office until April 22, 1983. Therefore, the protest is untimely and will not be considered on the merits.

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